

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) Life-saving device that comprises a storage unit (1; 101; 201), an opening (3; 203) arranged at one end of the storage unit (1; 101; 201), a rope (10; 210) attached to the storage unit (1; 101; 201), said rope (10; 210) being received inside the storage unit (1; 101; 201) when the rope (10; 210) is in inactive position, a weight (9; 207) and a floating body (7; 207), that a closed lifting loop (15; 215) is connected to the rope (10; 210) or that in the area of the end of the storage unit (101) that faces away from the opening (3) a fastening means (19) is connected to the rope (10), said fastening means (19) having a coupling function and may be detachably engaged with the rope (10), c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that a portion of the rope (10; 210) is designed as a gripping ladder(10A ; 210A).

2.(original) Device according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the gripping ladder(10A ; 210A) comprises a number of loops (11; 211).

3.(currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the storage unit (1) has elongated pockets (21) for receiving the lifting loop (15), and that the lifting loop (15), along a portion of its length, is equipped with stiffening means.

4.(currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the floating body/the

weight body constitutes a life buoy (207), and that the storage unit (201) in inactive position is clamped in the opening of the life buoy (207).

5. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the lifting loop (15; 215) has a means (16; 216) that is displaceable along the lifting loop (15; 215) in order to adjust the effective length of the lifting loop (15; 215).

6. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that a second loop (17) is connected to the lifting loop (15).

7. (original) Device according to claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that a fastening means (19) with coupling function is attached to the second loop (17), and that this fastening means (19) can be brought to a detachable engagement with the rope (10).

8. (currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 6 or 7~~ claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the storage unit (1; 101) has a pocket (20) for the fastening means (19).

9. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the weight (9; 207) is integrated with the floating body (7; 207).

10. (currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 2 or 3 or 5~~ claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

11.(new) Device according to claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the storage unit (1) has elongated pockets (21) for receiving the lifting loop (15), and that the lifting loop (15), along a portion of its length, is equipped with stiffening means.

12.(new) Device according to claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the floating body/the weight body constitutes a life buoy (207), and that the storage unit (201) in inactive position is clamped in the opening of the life buoy (207).

13.(new) Device according to claim 7, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the storage unit (1; 101) has a pocket (20) for the fastening means (19).

14.(new) Device according to claim 3, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

15.(new) Device according to claim 5, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

16.(new) Device according to claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

17.(new) Device according to claim 7, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

18.(new) Device according to claim 8, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

19.(new) Device according to claim 9, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.